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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. HAVE YOU ANYTHING FOR US YET WITH RESPECT TO DIA'S  
REQUEST FOR AREA FAMILIARIZATION TRAVEL TO MOSCOW FOR COL.  
DAVID AHEARN (REF STATE 222204)? WE HAVE SINCE RECEIVED  
ANOTHER SUCH REQUEST, CONCERNING LT. COL. PAUL GILLESPIE OF  
OFFICE ARMY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE, WHO  
PLANS SEPT 26-30 VISIT TO MOSCOW "TO MEET WITH U.S. MILITARY  
ATTACHES."

2. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED - PERHAPS YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE -  
THAT THE SEVEN-MAN PARTY (SEE STATE A-3115) SCHEDULED TO  
ARRIVE IN MOSCOW IN LATE SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN DELAYED. PARTY  
IS PLANNING TO ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN OCTOBER 8 BUT IT IS  
LIKELY THAT ARRIVAL DATE WILL EVEN BE SOMEWHAT LATER. IT'S  
A CHINESE FIRE DRILL. WE WILL ADVISE.  
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3. AFTER A DAY OF DICKERING, LINES ON WOLFE POSITION SHAPE  
UP AS FOLLOWS. TRAINING PEOPLE SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTINUE  
TO LIVE AS YOU HAVE WITH GAP AND WAIT FOR WOLFE IN MARCH.  
THEY OPPOSE PULLING PHOTENHAUER OUT OF GARMISCH BECAUSE HIS  
RUSSIAN IS NOT UP TO SPEED (TRUE), AND BECAUSE FSI IS  
SEEKING A THIRD GARMISH SLOT NEXT YEAR (FSI JUST ESTABLISHED

THE SECOND GARMISH SLOT, WHICH PHOTENHAUER IS IN). PER ARGUES THAT, IF PULLED, PHOTENHAUER SHOULD REVERT TO HIS ORIGINAL CONS ASSIGNMENT IN SUMMER 1979 IN ORDER NOT TO DISRUPT THE PIPELINE. (THIS PROBLEM HAS A BEARD ON IT; YOU REMEMBER THE RUNNING BATTLE A YEAR AGO OVER WOLFE/HAMILTON.)

PER SUGGESTS THAT WE LOOK HARD AT ASSIGNING A JO TO FILL IN FOR WOLFE UNTIL SUMMER 1979, THEN SHIFTING THE JO TO CONS BEHIND PRINGLE, FREEING PHOTENHAUER TO SHIFT INTO THE TUA POSITION (AS EARLIER SUGGESTED). THE JO CANDIDATE WOULD BE BEN FAIRFAX, EX-NAVAL OFFICER, E/C CONE, GRADUATE DEGREES (JUST HIGHLIGHTS) FROM UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SLAVIC STUDIES, MIDDLEBURY, MCGILL IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, GRADUATE STUDIES AT LENINGRAD, USSR EXHIBIT GUIDE 1974, 4/3 RUSSIAN. HE STRIKES US AS BRIGHT, SOLID, OPERATIONAL, AND DETERMINED. IN LIGHT OF WHAT YOU SAID IN MOSCOW 20064, PARA 3B, ABOUT JO'S FOR E/C, IT SHOULD BE A NEAT FIT. AND X YEARS FROM NOW, WE'D LIKE TO THINK IT WON'T BE NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH WHAT WE ARE NOW TO FIND A COUNSELOR.

4. RE REPLACEMENT FOR GREENBERG: BOTH WILKINSON AND SHOSTAL REGRET. WE HAVE MIXED REPORTS ON THE THIRD CANDIDATE AND YOUR PRESUMPTION (MOSCOW 20625) IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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STRONGLY CONFIRMED. HARRY GILMORE MAY BE INTERESTED; WE ARE ALSO SOUNDING OUT BYRON MORTON IN PRAGUE, WHO IS IMPRESSIVE AND A VETERAN.

5. RE REPLACEMENT FOR SKOUG: KOPP IS OUT; SEMBLER IS THINKING ABOUT IT; WE EXPECT A REACTION FROM EVANS SOON.

6. FEEDING OF VISITORS: OF THE TWO OPTIONS YOU SUGGESTED THE AMBASSADOR PREFERRED THE FIRST, THAT IS ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT. IF YOU COME IN FRONT CHANNEL WITH THE REQUEST WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN.

7. I ALSO CHECKED WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON THE IDEA OF SENDING AN ARMENIAN SPEAKING PSYCHIATRIST TO EXAMINE MRS. OVSEPYAN. HIS REACTION WAS THAT THIS WOULD BE AGAINST SOVIET LAW AND SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY DOCTOR EXAMINE HER.  
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8. THE AMBASSADOR PLANS TO LEAVE HERE OCTOBER 13, OVERNIGHT IN FRANKFURT THE 14 AND WOULD LIKE THE SUPPORT PLANE TO BE LAID ON FOR THE MORNING OF THE 15. CHRISTOPHER

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